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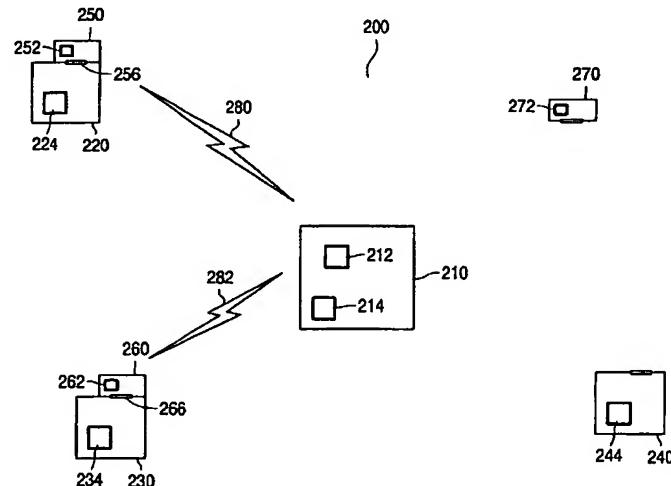
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(54) Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMMUNICATING WIRELESSLY BETWEEN DEVICES BY MEANS OF AN ATTACHABLE TRANSCEIVER



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